

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are pending in the present application.

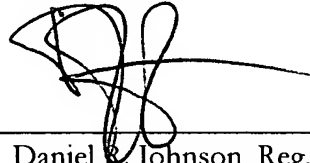
I. Claim Objections

The Examiner has objected to Claims 1-7 because the limitations of these claims fail to describe the claimed hearing device as a "hearing protection device." These, and additional claims, now refer to the invention as a "hearing device" as suggested by the Examiner, although the claimed invention is intended to provide a measure of protection instead of just amplifying potentially loud sounds such as shotgun blasts. It is requested that this objection be withdrawn.

II. Claim Rejections

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-8 as being unpatentable under 35 USC § 103(a) over Landis (5,692,514) in view of Yarush (4,850,023). Neither reference teaches the presently claimed combination, particularly the position of the microphone or microphone carrying device. Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,



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